



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
*REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION*

Applicant:	Arnold, <i>et al.</i>	Docket No.:	ROC920010318US1
Serial No.:	10/075,651	Group Art Unit:	2175
Filed:	02/14/02	Examiner:	WU, YICUN

TITLE: DATABASE OPTIMIZATION APPARATUS AND METHOD

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Sir:

In response to the office action dated July 2, 2004, applicants hereby request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection of claims 12, 14-16 and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), and of the Examiner's objection to claims 13 and 17.

**STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-45 were originally filed in this patent application. In the pending office action, claims 12 and 29 were objected to because of informalities. Claims 12, 14-16 and 18-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,418,451 to Maimone in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,529,901 to Chadhuri *et al.* (hereinafter "Chadhuri"). Claims 1-11 and 20-45 were allowed. Claims 13 and 17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if properly rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-45 are currently pending.